THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA]: (a) Government has set up Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) to carry out the Research work and to develop and expand Ayurvedic System of Medicine.

(b) The units of the Council have been set up at New Delhi, Trichur, Chennai, Bhubaneshwar, Calcutta, Lucknow, Mumbai, Jaipur, Gwalior, Vijaywada, Nagpur, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Pondicherry, Patna, Guwahati, Gangtok, Itanagar, Jammu, Mandi, Jhansi, Tarikhet, Junagarh, Pune, Hyderabad, Kottakal, Car Nicobar and Varanasi.

(c) The Council has conducted clinical research on many diseases, survey and surveillance programme, Tribal Health Care Research Programme, Community Health Care Programme, Drug Research, Literary Research, Family Welfare Programme and Amchi Medicino Research Programme.

(d)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	F.W.
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
1997-98	495.00	1547.00	35.00
1998-99	796.63	1795.00	38.00
1999-2000	817.00	1825.00	—

Projects of NACO

674. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major initiatives taken by NACO since its inception;

(b) how are they have achieved the desired results, project-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that its projects are running behind the schedule; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The major initiatives taken by National AIDS Control Organisation since inception are as follows:—

(1) Programme Management — The implementation of the program has been strengthened by the setting up the State AIDS Control Societies in all 32 States/UTs and the 3 Municipal Corporation of Chennai, Ahmedabad and Mumbai.

(2) Blood Safety — 815 Blood Banks have been licenced and strengthened for safe blood transfusion services. Forty (40) blood component separation units have been set-up and professional blood donation has been banned.

(3) Control of Sexually Transmitted Disease and Condom Promotion — 504 STD Clinics have been strengthened for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Free distribution and social marketing schemes have been introduced for the easy accessibility of condoms to needy persons.

(4) National Sentinel Surveillance System — A Nationwide National Sentinel Surveillance is being conducted every year to monitor the trend of the epidemic in different parts of the country.

(5) Voluntary Counselling and Testing — HIV testing facilities are available in 131 Medical Colleges and other tertiary hospital for voluntary counselling and testing of HIV infection.

(6) Care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS — Medicines for the treatment of opportunistic infection are provided free of costs to HIV/AIDS cases in all Government hospitals. Doctors and other paramedical staff have been trained on the management of HIV/AIDS cases without any discrimination.

(7) Information, Education, Communication (IEC) and Social Mobilisation — A comprehensive IEC program in regional

languages is being implemented in all States/Union Territories for the creation of General Awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic. A multi pronged strategy is being adopted by use of every available channel of communication.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Ad-hoc appointments in AIIMS

675. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only ad-hoc recruitment have taken place during the last six years in the faculty of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and steps taken to revive regular recruitment procedure; and

(c) how many ad-hoc appointments and promotions have been made during the last two years in various disciplines of the faculty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) During the last six years, 58 posts of Professors, 6 posts of Additional Professors and 9 posts of Associate Professors were filled in on regular basis through open selection. However, appointments to the post of Assistant Professors are being made on ad-hoc basis in the Institute since November, 1994 due to pending court case in the High Court of Delhi and the matter is sub-judice.

(c) Fifty-five ad-hoc appointments at the level of Assistant Professor and 49 promotions were made during the last two years.